the Weights and Measures Departments of the States/UTs initiate legal action against those LPG distributors found supplying under-weight LPG cylinders. The State Governments have been alerted from time to time to take steps against the black-marketing/diversion of domestic cylinders for unauthorized usage.

Government have issued advertisements cautioning the public that use of domestic LPG for non-domestic purposes is illegal, dangerous and against national interest. Through these advertisements, cooperation of the general public has also been sought to report any irregularity/malpractice to the OMCs.

Losses of ONGC

2439. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has said that ONGC frittered away huge sums in "unfruitful" expenditure and penalties stemming from poor planning, lack of foresight and co-ordination in decision-making besides sloppy monitoring of work during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the areas where the ONGC has faulted; and

(c) the details of losses suffered and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C & AG) has recently forwarded their observations on an audit titled "Deep Water Exploration" relating to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). They have observed that some unfruitful expenditure has been incurred by ONGC.

The performance of ONGC during Tenth Plan (2002-07) in exploration and finding out new oil gas fields has been satisfactory. ONGC during Tenth Plan (2002-07) has made 35 hydrocarbon finds in its onland and offshore operational areas and accreted 676.76 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) Oil and Oil Equivalent of Gas (O+OEG) in place with ultimate component of 240.88 MMT (O+OEG) against the Tenth Plan target of 570.43 MMT in-place and 155.51 MMT (O+OEG) in ultimate category respectively. The ultra deepwater discovery in KG Offshore made during 2006-07 by ONGC is the first ultra deepwater discovery in the country. ONGC has also, for the first time, discovered hydrocarbons in the eastern offshore in Mahanadi Basin.

During Tenth Plan period, exploratory inputs expended by ONGC in its onland and offshore operational areas include acquisition of 59683.26 Ground Line Kilometre/Line Kilometre (GLK/LK) of 2 D seismic data against the target of 35286 GLK/LK and 92988 sq. km. of 3D seismic data against the target of 34834 sq. km. and drilled 576 exploratory wells against a target of 561 exploratory wells.

However, ONGC as an operator could not complete Minimum Work Programme (MWP) in some blocks as per Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) and paid US Dollar 50.3 Million towards payments for unfinished work programme and seeking extensions.